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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Hoan H. Tran
Masanobu SAITO, et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2852
Application No.: 10/649,835	)	
	:	Notice of Allowance: April 6, 2005
	)	Confirmation No. 6654
Filed: August 28, 2003	:	
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS,	:	June 6, 2005
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Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Sir:

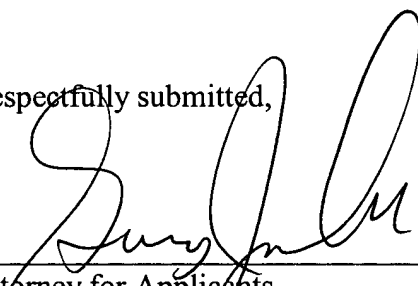
The Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the April 6, 2005 Notice of Allowance states that "None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a cartridge detachably attachable to mounting portions of image forming apparatuses having different features, said cartridge comprising storage part for storing information relating to the amount of use in each of the image forming apparatuses to which the cartridge is attached; wherein each image forming apparatus to which the cartridge is detachably attachable having a control

part configured to determine an interchange time of the cartridge based on information stored in the storage part.”

But independent Claims 1 and 18 do not relate to a cartridge detachably attachable to mounting portions of image forming apparatuses having different features. Nevertheless, Claims 1 and 18 are allowable for the unique combination of features recited therein.

Applicants’ undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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